

Top Ten Highest Historical Crests: South Branch Potomac River near Springfield

Latitude: 39.447

Period of Record: 1877-Present

Longitude: -78.654

Flood Stage: 15

Last Flood: 5/17/2014

Total Number of Floods: 83

Date of Flood	Crest (ft)	Streamflow (cfs)	Wx Comments
11/5/1985	44.22	240,000	Hurricane Juan produced more than 1 inch of rain in VA with more than 7 inches reported in higher elevations. A coastal low pressure system produced an additional 1-7 inches of rain and caused widespread major flooding in Virginia and Maryland.
9/7/1996	34.98	147,000	Hurricane Fran produced up to 16 inches of rain in the western part of Virginia and up to 7 inches in the Juniata Basin in Pennsylvania. Fran was the worst flood even to hit Maryland since Hurricane Hazel and the January 1996 Flood.
3/18/1936	34.20	143,000	Two successive rainstorms combined with snowmelt flooded the Eastern Seaboard from Virginia to Maine. A total of 150 to 200 lives were lost and damage estimates were over \$1 million.
11/25/1877	34.00	140,000	Actual date unknown.
6/18/1949	29.85	104,000	Torrential rains in Virginia from June 17 into June 18 produced more than 10 inches of rain and caused the worst flooding in Virginia's history
1/20/1996	28.41	93,900	Southerly winds, high dewpoints and intense rainfall caused a rapid snowmelt. The resultant flooding was the worst to hit the entire MARFC area since 1972.
8/19/1955	25.55	73,400	Hurricane Diane made landfall 5 days after Hurricane Connie. Hurricane Diane produced several inches of rain with locally heavier amounts of 10 to 20 inches.
9/20/2003	24.70	67,500	Hurricane Isabel combined with another system and produced more than 3 inches of rain in VA with locally heavier amounts of 10 inches. Another low pressure system moved through the region and produced a few additional inches of rain.
10/10/1976	23.42	58,300	A low pressure system and its slow moving front produced 2 to 5 inches of rainfall at most locations through the Mid-Atlantic Region.

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Gage Datum: 561.41 ft MSL

Potomac Basin

County of Gage: Hampshire

County of Forecast Point: Hampshire

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4/27/1937	23.00	57,000	Heavy rains caused widespread flooding across most of Virginia. The Rappahannock basin was hit the hardest, but the Potomac River at Wisconsin Avenue rose to 14.3 feet. Six people died and total damages were well over \$1.5 million.

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